I want my children involved in Christian Camping because...

OF THE ENVIRONMENT...

The beauty and the wonder of nature in its unspoiled glory. Every person in the world should be exposed to the wonder of God's handi-work in nature. There are untold lessons to be learned, and untold good to be gained by the simple experience of communion with God and with other people in the out-of-doors. Some of our experts in the field today, tell us that the time is not far off when the experience of living in the beauty and wonder of nature, such as afforded by Christian Camping, simply will not be available. Pollution is taking its toll...man is taking his toll...and thousands and thousands of acres are hidden under concrete and asphalt every year. I want my children to love and appreciate the beauty of God's creation. Christian Camping affords that opportunity.

OF THE INFLUENCE...

The positive influence is has had on my life and the influence that I have seen it have in the lives of other people. Where else can our children experience the influence of dozens of concerned Christian adults for a week at a time? Where else can they be exposed to scores of Christians from every possible walk of life? Where else can they be exposed for 6-7 days – 24 hours a day, to dozens of other young people – much like them-selves, with the same aims, goals, hopes, dreams, and problems of life – all oriented to the Christian perspective? Few other areas of Christian endeavor offer such opportunities.

OF THE TRAINING ...

Christian Camping is more than a VBS out in the woods!!! It includes a real concerted effort of studying and teaching Biblical precepts. There are special classes each day in which campers do nothing but study. But over and above the "teaching" there is the Training – Training that comes from the 24 hour a day situation – Training that concerns itself, not with just 30 to 45 minutes in a class, but with every hour of the day. With all that goes on from the time one gets up in the morning until the last thought at night. Training that concerns itself with every sphere of activity and strives to be guided by principles of Godliness and Truth. The Bible says, *"Train up a child in the way he should go....."* Parents should want to avail themselves of every avenue available to them to help them do the best job possible in training their children. Christian Camping is one of those avenues.

OF THE FELLOWSHIP...

This area of fellowship is as sweet and precious as any of the points mentioned above. Friendships are formed at camp that will last a lifetime. You should see and feel just how close these kids get to one another in the 6 or 7 days they are to-gether. I wish you could see the tears in their eyes on the last day of camp at closing circle – knowing that they won't be seeing each other for a while. But even more, I wish you could see the joy in their faces and hear the laughter in their voices as they enjoy being with one another through the many, varied activities of the camping day. Again I say...where else...where else can you experience this kind of fellowship? Christian Camping is certainly ONE PLACE!!! Yes, Christian Camping is a great experience for any young person. Will you make it possible for your own children (or some needy child) to attend camp? Don't just "send" your children to camp – ENCOURAGE them to go, so that they will want to go and enjoy a great week of Christian Camping.

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